



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**January 28, 2009
Federal Government Relations Consulting
RFP# CIRM 2197**

You are invited to review and respond to this Request for Proposal (RFP), entitled RFP# 2197 for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). In submitting your proposal, you must fully comply with these instructions. Missing and/or incomplete information may cause your response to be disqualified from further consideration. The RFP seeks an outstanding professional to provide Federal Government Relations Consulting services for CIRM.

In the opinion of CIRM, this RFP is complete and without need of explanation. However, if you have questions, or should you need any clarifying information, the contact person for this RFP is:

Melissa King
Executive Director, ICOC Board
(415) 396-9119

All submittals must be received on or before 5 PM Pacific Time, February 3, 2009. Return one signed hard copy original to:

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine
210 King Street
San Francisco, CA 94107
Attn: Cynthia Schaffer
Contracts Administrator
(415) 396-9241

**Faxed and/or email submittals will not be accepted
Late submittals will not be accepted**

Please note that no *verbal* information given will be binding upon the State unless such information is issued in writing as an official addendum.

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A. Purpose and Description of Services

1. Introduction

CIRM was established for the purpose of making grants and loans to California's universities and other advanced medical research facilities throughout the state for stem cell research, for research facilities, and for other vital research opportunities to realize therapies, protocols, and/or medical procedures that will result in, as speedily as possible, the cure for, and/or substantial mitigation of, major diseases, injuries, and orphan diseases. Funding for the grants and loans and for the operational costs necessary to accomplish this purpose will come from the issuance by the State Treasurer of \$3 billion in general obligation bonds. The grant and loan funding decisions will be made by the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC), a twenty-nine member body charged with governing CIRM. The ICOC is authorized under Proposition 71 of 2004 to commit an average of \$295 million per year in grants and loans over a 10-year period. In addition, the ICOC is authorized to accept real and personal property donations to fund operations and grant programs.

CIRM is requesting a proposal from firm and/or individuals who will work with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ICOC, the Legislative Subcommittee of the ICOC, the CIRM Director of Government Affairs (when position is filled), the President of CIRM and other CIRM staff members to strategize and provide advice and counsel for the goal of securing federal funding for stem cell research and facilities as well as loan guarantees.

The firm and/or individual that is selected must be technically and professionally capable of providing the services in all subject areas described in Section A, Item 2, Scope of Services and meet the Minimum Qualifications for Proposers in Section B. The firm and/or individual must be free from actual conflicts of interest not only at the time of selection, but also throughout the term of the contract.

CIRM expects the chosen firm and/or individual will be able to start as soon as possible after the agreement is executed. CIRM anticipates entering into a ten month long contract with a 30-day cancellation clause by CIRM.

2. Scope of Services

The Federal Government Relations Consultant will be expected to provide CIRM with the following as described herein:

a) Firm and/or individual's Experience

The Federal Government Relations Consultant will be skilled and experienced with the ability to think strategically, help develop and execute a vibrant and aggressive strategy to support the goals and initiatives of CIRM.

- i. Qualifications and Experience - Discuss your overall experience that demonstrates your ability to successfully complete the Scope of Services. Experience should include number of years experience in a Federal Government Relations Consultant position.
- ii. Description of Expertise- Proposer should describe their specific expertise and the background that qualifies them to deal with Congressional and Executive Branch program interpretation, negotiation and implementation.
- iii. Description of Team- Proposer should provide information on each of the specialists on their proposed team and give details in regards to the specific experience each individual has with the different key components of the Congressional process and/or the Executive Branch participation in the process. Details about experience with the implementation of a proposed program and the funding mechanisms that were adopted by the Congressional and Executive branches to effectuate that program should be provided.
- iv. Work Examples- Proposer should provide examples of innovative programs for which they provided Government Relations Consulting services and the outcomes achieved in regards to those proposed programs. Proposer should also give examples of their success with more standard legislative development tasks.
- v. Responsiveness & Local Availability- Proposer should provide a description of their team's commitment to quickly respond to requests and to field and address those requests through multiple parties. The proposal should discuss whether the team has a California (San Francisco Bay Area) representative who is available to meet on short notice in addition to the strong presence in Washington, D.C.

b) Budget & Term

1. Expected Range for this Award is approximately \$20,000 per month for the 10 months of the Agreement. Proposer should provide details of their proposed charges.
2. Expenses for travel should only be incurred at CIRM's direction and all charges must be in accordance with CIRM's Travel Policy (see <http://www.cirm.ca.gov/policy/policy.asp>)
3. After the initial 10-month term of the Agreement, a separate Request for Proposal will be issued for any further Federal Government Relations Consulting services required by CIRM.

c) Scope of Work

1. Work closely with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the ICOC, the Legislative Subcommittee of the ICOC, the CIRM Director of Government Affairs (when position is filled), the President of CIRM and other CIRM staff members to strategize and provide advice and counsel on the goal of securing federal funding for stem cell research and facilities as well as loan guarantees for such research under the 2009 economic stimulus bill, the 2009 omnibus appropriations bill and/or fiscal year 2010 appropriations and/or other federal legislation.
2. The primary focus of CIRM's efforts will be to address the technical interpretation and the process for applications with the National Science

Foundation; the National Institutes of Health; the US Department of Health and Human Services; and other relevant departments and agencies of the federal government that may administer biomedical research funding and/or stem cell research funding as enacted by Congress and approved by the President. This focus will also include Federal biomedical loan guarantees through the U.S. Treasury or other agencies and departments of the U.S. Government either directly and/or in collaboration with private lenders. These loan guarantees may apply to biomedical research programs; the funding of clinical trials; and other therapy development processes applicable to and/or including stem cell research.

3. Advise on Policy Positioning and Legislative Strategies, strategize and execute a plan for an innovative program to effectuate CIRM's goals as stated herein.
4. Arrange for facilitated meetings with key policymakers on Capitol Hill, lead the preparation for those meetings and conduct those meetings, as appropriate, with Congressional, Agency and/or Departmental Representatives in Washington, D.C.
5. Drive and manage project-based communications with U.S. Legislators including assisting in drafting strategic communications and providing support documentation in support of proposed goal.
6. Monitor federal legislation affecting CIRM and stem cell research and keep CIRM contacts regularly informed on these matters.
7. Consultant will have responsibility for filing lobbying reports on behalf of CIRM.

B. Minimum Qualifications for Proposer(s)

CIRM expects the Federal Government Relations Consultant to have a close working relationship with the individuals identified above as evidenced by the nature of the tasks listed above. Proposer must have, at a minimum, the following qualifications and experience:

1. 10 years experience in advocacy in the Federal Legislative arena.
2. Demonstrated skill at message development and ability to communicate effectively in writing and in oral presentation.
3. Commitment to CIRM's mission.
4. Demonstrated knowledge of issues faced by CIRM and stem cell research.
5. Existing relationship with current leadership in both houses of the U.S. Legislature.
6. Independent Consultant Insurance Requirements
 - a. General Liability
 - i. Comprehensive or Commercial Form (minimum limits)
 1. Each Occurrence \$2,000,000.00
 2. Products/Completed Operations Aggregate \$2,000,000.00
 3. Personal and Advertising Injury \$1,000,000.00
 4. General Aggregate* \$1,000,000.00

*Not applicable to comprehensive form.

If the above insurance is written on a claims-made form, it shall continue for three years following termination of the agreement. The insurance shall provide for a retroactive date of placement prior to or coinciding with the effective date of the agreement.

- b. Business Automobile Liability (minimum limits): For owned, scheduled, non-owned, or hired automobiles with a combined single limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- c. Workers' Compensation: as required under California State Law.
- d. Professional Liability Insurance (minimum limits):
 - i. Each Occurrence \$2,000,000
 - ii. Project Aggregate \$2,000,000
- e. Other insurance in amounts which from time to time may reasonably be required by the mutual consent of CIRM and the Independent Consultant against other insurable hazards relating to performance.

C. Proposal Requirements and Information

1. Key Action Dates

It is recognized that time is of the essence. All Proposers are hereby advised of the following schedule and will be expected to adhere to the required dates and times:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
<u>January 28, 2009</u>	RFP available to prospective firms
<u>February 3, 2009</u>	Final Date for Proposal Submission. Proposals must be received at CIRM at 210 King Street San Francisco, CA by 5:00 P.M.
<u>February 6, 2009</u>	Proposed Award Date (Note: The actual award date may be earlier.)

2. References

- a) References-Submit a list of at least three references (clients) to which you have provided similar services within the past five years and contact numbers for each. See Attachment 1.

3. Submission of Proposal

- a) Proposals should provide straightforward and concise descriptions of the Proposer's ability to satisfy the requirements of this RFP. The proposal must be complete and accurate. Omissions, inaccuracies or misstatements will be sufficient cause for rejection of a proposal.
- b) The proposal package should be prepared in the least expensive method. Please submit a document that is easy to copy and/or scan through a machine or include a computer disk with your hard copy submission.
- c) All proposals must be submitted to the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine by the dates and times shown in Section C, Proposal Requirements and Information, Item 1) Key Action Dates.
- d) Proposal should identify the total dollar amount of consulting work Proposer has contracted with CIRM for in the last 12 months.
- e) Submit one original. All documents contained in the original proposal package must have original signatures and must be signed by a person who is authorized to bind the proposing firm.
- f) The proposal envelope(s) should be addressed as follows and must be plainly marked with the RFP number and title and should be mailed or delivered to:

Cynthia Schaffer
Contract Administrator
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine
210 King Street
Subject: **Federal Government Relations Consulting Services**
RFP# CIRM 2197

- g) All proposals shall include the documents identified in Section D, Required Attachments. Proposals not including the proper "required attachments" shall be deemed non-responsive. A non-responsive proposal is one that does not meet the basic proposal requirements.
- h) If the proposal is made under a fictitious name or business title, the actual legal name of the proposer must be provided.
- i) Proposals must be submitted for the performance of all the services described herein. Any deviation from the work specifications will not be considered and will cause a proposal to be rejected.
- j) A proposal may be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete, or if it contains any alterations of form or other irregularities of any kind. CIRM may reject any or all proposals and may waive any immaterial deviation in a proposal.

CIRM's waiver of immaterial deviation shall in no way modify the RFP document or excuse the proposer from full compliance with all requirements if awarded the agreement.

- k) Costs incurred for developing proposals and in anticipation of award of the agreement are entirely the responsibility of the proposer and shall not be charged to CIRM.
- l) An individual who is authorized to bind the proposing firm contractually shall sign the Attachment 2, Payee Data Form. The signature must indicate the title or position that the individual holds in the firm. An unsigned proposal may be rejected.
- m) A Proposer may modify a proposal after its submission by withdrawing its original proposal and resubmitting a new proposal prior to the proposal submission deadline as set forth in Section C, Proposal Requirements and Information, Item 1) Key Action Dates. Proposal modifications offered in any other manner, oral or written, will not be considered.
- n) A Proposer may withdraw its proposal by submitting a written withdrawal request to CIRM, signed by the Proposer or an authorized agent, addressed in accordance with f above. A Proposer may thereafter submit a new proposal prior to the proposal submission deadline. Proposals may not be withdrawn without cause subsequent to proposal submission deadline.
- o) CIRM may modify the RFP prior to the date fixed for submission of proposals by the issuance of an addendum to all parties who received a proposal package.
- p) CIRM reserves the right to reject all proposals. CIRM is not required to award an agreement.
- q) Before submitting a response to this solicitation, Proposers should review, correct all errors and confirm compliance with the RFP requirements.
- r) Where applicable, Proposer should carefully examine work sites and specifications. No additions or increases to the agreement amount will be made due to a lack of careful examination of work sites and specifications, if applicable.
- s) More than one proposal from an individual, firm, partnership, corporation or association under the same or different names, will not be considered.
- t) CIRM does not accept alternate contract language from a prospective Consultant. A proposal with such language may be considered a counter proposal and may be rejected.

- u) No oral understanding or agreement shall be binding on either party.

4. Evaluation Process

- a) At the time of proposal opening, each proposal will be checked for the presence or absence of required information in conformance with the submission requirements of this RFP.
- b) Proposals that contain false or misleading statements, or which provide references that do not support an attribute or condition claimed by the proposer, may be rejected.
- c) Award, if made, will be to the highest scoring responsible proposal. If a tie occurs the most competitive cost proposal will be the determining factor.
- d) Proposal Evaluation

The proposals that meet the Minimum Qualifications in Section B and the Proposal Requirements and Information in Section C will be evaluated and scored according to the criteria indicated below. The recommendation will be made by an evaluation committee organized by CIRM on the basis of the following weighted factors (Maximum points available for each criterion is noted.)

(1) Qualification and Experience as a **Federal Government Relations Consultant**

50 points

CIRM will evaluate the proposal on the basis of the firm and/or individual's overall experience demonstrating their ability to successfully complete the requirements identified in 1) Introduction and 2) Scope of Services, Section A.

(2) Responsiveness to the Scope of Work

25 points

CIRM will evaluate the proposal on the basis of the firm and/or individual's overall understanding and description of the Scope of Work.

(3) Cost

25 points

CIRM will score the cost upon the competitive cost proposal, Scope of Services, Section A, Item 2.

Maximum Total Possible Points

100 points

5. Disposition of Proposals

- a) Upon proposal opening, all documents submitted in response to this RFP will become the property of CIRM, and will be regarded as public records under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) and subject to review by the public.

- b) Proposal packages may be returned only at the Proposer's expense, unless such expense is waived by CIRM.

6. Agreement Execution and Performance

- a) Service shall start on the express date set by CIRM and the Consultant, after all approvals have been obtained and the agreement is fully executed. Should the Consultant fail to commence work at the agreed upon time, CIRM, upon five (5) days written notice to the Consultant, reserves the right to terminate the agreement. In addition, the Consultant shall be liable to CIRM for the difference between Consultant's Proposal price and the actual cost of performing work by another Consultant.
- b) All performance under the agreement shall be completed on or before the termination date of the agreement.

D. Required Attachments

For your proposal to be considered responsive, all required attachments must be included with the RFP by the dates and times shown in Section C, Proposal Requirements and Information, Item 1, Key Action Dates.

Attachment 1 – Proposer References

Attachment 2 – Payee Data Record (STD 204)

E. Exhibits

- 1. Sample Independent Consultant Agreement

ATTACHMENT 1

Proposer References

Submission of this attachment is mandatory. Failure to complete and return this attachment with your bid may cause your bid to be rejected and deemed non-responsive.

List below three references for services performed within the last five years, which are similar to the scope of work to be performed in this contract.

REFERENCE 1			
Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

REFERENCE 2			
Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

REFERENCE 3			
Name of Firm			
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Dates of Service		Value or Cost of Service	
Brief Description of Service Provided			

Payee Data Record (STD 204)

(Required when receiving payment from the State of California in lieu of IRS W-9)
STD 204 (Rev. 8-2003)

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EXHIBIT 1

Agreement No. CIRM ____

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT to furnish certain consultant services is made by and between the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine hereinafter called (CIRM), and _____ [Name] hereinafter called (the Consultant).

I. NATURE AND PLACE(S) OF SERVICE

- A. The Consultant shall furnish to CIRM the following described services including a time schedule by which the Consultant is to produce or provide specified materials or perform certain consulting services as well as reports on the progress of the services:
See attachment A submitted by Consultant to CIRM.
- B. In addition to the services described in subparagraph A. above, the Consultant's proposal to CIRM shall be incorporated herein by reference and made part of this Agreement.
- C. If the Consultant is an entity other than an individual, CIRM requires that staff be assigned according to Attachment A to perform the work set forth herein. No reassignment of work to any other individual(s) other than those described in Attachment A shall be made without the written approval of CIRM.
- D. Place(s) of performance of such services shall be:

Consultant's location:

94107

CIRM's location:

210 King Street
San Francisco, CA

- E. CIRM will provide working space, equipment, furniture, utilities, and services, as follows:

II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

- A. The term of this Agreement shall be from _____ through _____.
- B. CIRM reserves the right to terminate this Agreement subject to 30 days written notice to the _____ Consultant. Consultant may submit a written notice to terminate this Agreement only if CIRM should _____ substantially fail to perform its responsibilities as provided herein. In addition, this Agreement may be terminated _____ immediately for cause. The term “for cause” shall mean that the Consultant fails to meet the terms, conditions, _____ and/or responsibilities of this Agreement. In this instance, the termination shall be effective as of the date indicated _____ on CIRM’s notification to the Consultant
- C. The term of this Agreement may be extended by the mutual, written consent of both parties.

III. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES

- A. CIRM shall pay the Consultant for services performed on the following basis:
1. Professional Fees:
 2. Other Expenses

MAXIMUM TO BE PAID UNDER THIS AGREEMENT

\$ _____

* Reimbursement for travel and per diem shall be in accordance with established CIRM rates and policies.

- B. Payments shall be made upon the Consultant's submission of invoices indicating the Agreement Number and setting forth charges in accordance with rates detailed in Article III-A. Each invoice shall include the Consultant's taxpayer identification number (Social Security or employer identification number). Invoices shall be submitted not more frequently than monthly in arrears to:

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine
President
210 King Street
San Francisco, CA 94107

Payment will be made in accordance with, and within the time specified in, Government Code Chapter 4.5, commencing with Section 927. The following link will

take you to the Government Code cited for further information. <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/displaycode?section=gov&group=00001-01000&file=927-927.12>

IV. REPORTING

In performing consulting services under this Agreement, the Consultant shall be accountable to CIRM and shall provide progress reports to CIRM upon CIRM's request.

V. NOTIFICATION

Notices concerning this Agreement shall be addressed as follows:

CIRM:

TO

CONSULTANT:

[Insert name and address]

VI. TAXES

The compensation stated in Article III includes all applicable taxes and will not be changed hereafter as the result of Consultant's failure to include any applicable tax or as the result of any change in the Consultant's tax liabilities. The Consultant acknowledges that compensation payable hereunder may be subject to withholding of state and federal income tax, including state income tax subject to withholding pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Sections 18661-18677.

VII. INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT STATUS

- A. Both parties agree that in the performance of this Agreement the Independent Consultant shall not be an agent or employee of CIRM, shall not be covered by the State of California Worker's Compensation Insurance or Unemployment Insurance, shall not be eligible to participate in CIRM's retirement programs, and shall not be entitled to any other CIRM employee benefits.
- B. The Consultant shall be solely responsible for the conduct and control of the work to be performed by the Consultant under this Agreement, except that the Consultant is accountable to CIRM for the results of such work. The Consultant's services for CIRM shall be performed in accordance with currently approved methods and ethical standards applicable to the Consultant's professional capacity.

California State Contract Code 10515 (a) states: No person, firm, or subsidiary thereof who has been awarded a consulting services contract may submit a bid

for, nor be awarded a contract on or after July 1, 2003, for the provision of services, procurement of goods or supplies, or any other related action that is required, suggested, or otherwise deemed appropriate in the end product of the consulting services contract.

VIII. ASSIGNMENT OR SUBCONTRACTING

The Consultant may not assign or transfer this Agreement, or any interest or claim, or subcontract any portion of the work, without the prior written approval of CIRM. The withholding or granting of such approval is totally discretionary with CIRM. If CIRM consents to such assignment or transfer, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding upon any assignee or transferee.

IX. PROPERTY RIGHTS, INCLUDING PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

All written and other tangible material ("Material") produced pursuant to this Agreement by the Consultant shall be considered a work-made-for-hire under the Copyright Act. To the extent said Material does not qualify as a work-made-for-hire, Consultant hereby assigns all right, title, and interest, including, but not limited to, copyright and all copyright rights in the Material to CIRM and shall execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate such assignment. In the event Consultant uses any individual who is not a full-time employee of Consultant or uses any other entity to perform any of the work required by Consultant hereunder, Consultant shall require said individual or entity to sign an agreement before commencing work that contains identical wording to the foregoing two sentences except that the word "Consultant" shall be replaced with the individual's or entity's name.

X. CONSULTANT'S LIABILITY AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Consultant agrees to defend, at CIRM's election, indemnify, and hold harmless CIRM, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, expenses (including costs and reasonable attorney's fees), claims for injury, or damages that are caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the Consultant, its officers, employees, or agents or Consultant's breach of this Agreement. In addition, Consultant agrees to defend, at CIRM's election, indemnify, and hold harmless CIRM, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, expenses (including costs and reasonable attorney's fees), claims for injury, or damages accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, or any other person, firm or corporation furnishing services or supplying goods in connection with Consultant's performance of this Agreement
- B. The Consultant shall furnish a Certificate of Insurance or statement of self-insurance (contractual liability included) showing minimum coverage as follows:

1. General Liability: Comprehensive or Commercial Form
(Minimum Limits)

	(i)	General Aggregate (BI, PD)*	\$2,000,000
	(ii)	Products, Completed Operations Aggregate	\$2,000,000
\$1,000,000	(iii)	Personal and Advertising Injury	
\$1,000,000	(iv)	Each Occurrence	

* (not applicable to comprehensive form)

However, if such insurance is written on a claims-made form following termination of this Agreement, coverage shall survive for a period no less than three years. Coverage must include a Primary and Non-Contributory provision and a Severability of Interest provision. Coverage shall also provide for a retroactive date of placement coinciding with the effective date of this Agreement.

2. Business Auto Liability: (Minimum Limits) for Owned, Scheduled, Non-Owned, or Hired Automobiles with a combined single limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
3. Workers' Compensation: as required under California State Law.
4. Professional Liability Insurance: (Minimum Limits)

(1) Each occurrence	\$2,000,000
(2) Project Aggregate	\$2,000,000

If this insurance is written on a claims-made form, it shall continue for three years following termination of this Agreement. The insurance shall have a retroactive date of placement prior to or coinciding with the effective date of this Agreement. The insurance must include Contractual Liability Coverage and Defense and Indemnification of CIRM by the contracting party.

5. Other insurance in amounts as from time to time may reasonably be required by the mutual consent of CIRM and the Consultant against such other insurable hazards relating to performance.

Certificate(s) shall name CIRM as an additional insured under 1, 2 and 4 above, obligate the insurer to notify CIRM at least thirty (30) days prior to cancellation of or changes in any of the required insurance and include a provision that the coverage will be primary and will not participate with

nor be excess to any valid and collectible insurance program of self-insurance carried or maintained by CIRM. Premiums on all insurance policies shall be paid directly by the Consultant.

XI. RECORDS ABOUT INDIVIDUALS

- A. The Consultant acknowledges that the creation and maintenance of records pertaining to individuals is subject to certain requirements set forth by the California Information Practices Act (Civil Code 1798, et seq.) and by CIRM policy. Such requirements include provisions governing the collection, maintenance, accuracy, dissemination, and disclosure of information about individuals, including the right of access by the subject individuals.
- B. If the Consultant creates confidential or personal records about an individual, as defined by the Information Practices Act, including notes or tape recordings, the information shall be collected to the greatest extent practicable directly from the individual who is the subject of the information. When collecting the information, the Consultant shall inform the individual that the record is being made and of the purpose of the record.
- C. Records containing confidential or personal information about individuals are the property of CIRM and subject to CIRM's policies and applicable federal and state laws. The Consultant agrees to deliver all such records, including originals and all copies and summaries, to CIRM upon termination of this Agreement.
- D. The Consultant shall not use recording devices in discussions with CIRM's employees without notifying all parties to the discussion that the discussion is being recorded.

XII. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

The Consultant agrees that CIRM and its authorized agents shall have the right to review and copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, all documents, records and work papers whether obtained or copied from CIRM or developed by the Consultant. Consultant agrees to maintain such records for a minimum of five (5) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. Consultant agrees to allow CIRM and its authorized agent's access to such records during normal business hours. Further, Consultant agrees to include a similar right of access in any subcontract related to the performance of this Agreement.

In accordance with state law, the Consultant agrees that CIRM, its authorized agents, the State Controller's Office, and the Bureau of State Audits (collectively,

the “Auditors”) shall have the right, in connection with an audit, to review and copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement including, but not limited to, all documents, records and work papers whether obtained or copied from CIRM or developed by the Consultant. Consultant agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of five (5) years after final payment, unless a longer period of records retention is stipulated. Consultant agrees to allow the Auditors access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. Further, Consultant agrees to include a similar right of the Auditors to audit records and interview staff in any subcontract related to the performance of this Agreement.

XIII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- A. The Consultant will not hire any officer or employee of CIRM to perform any service covered by this Agreement. If the work is to be performed in connection with a federal or state contract or grant, the Consultant will not hire any employee of the government concerned to perform any service covered by this Agreement.
- B. The Consultant affirms that to the best of his/her knowledge there exists no actual or potential conflict between the Consultant's family, business or financial interest and the services provided under this Agreement, and in the event of change in either private interests or service under this Agreement, any question regarding possible conflict of interest which may arise as a result of such change will be raised with CIRM.
- C. The Consultant shall not be in a reporting relationship to a CIRM employee who is a near relative, nor shall the near relative be in a decision-making position with respect to the Consultant.
- D. The Consultant shall execute a Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests as published by the Fair Political Practices Commission. Statements of Economic Interests are public documents. More information about Form 700 is available at www.fppc.ca.gov.

XIV. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The Consultant recognizes that as a state government contractor or subcontractor, the Consultant is obligated to comply with all state laws and regulations regarding equal opportunity and affirmative action in government contracts. When applicable, the Consultant agrees that all such laws and their implementing regulations are incorporated herein as though set forth in full. These laws include the nondiscrimination requirements of Government Code sections 12990 and 11135, and the nondiscrimination program and clause required by Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

XV. CONFIDENTIALITY

The Consultant shall keep confidential any information provided by CIRM or any information conveyed orally to the Consultant by CIRM with oral notification of its confidentiality (the "Confidential Information"), Consultant agrees to maintain the secrecy of CIRM's Confidential Information and agrees not to use it except in performing the Services under this Agreement and not to disclose it to anyone outside CIRM or anyone within CIRM's organization who does not have a need to know it to perform under this Agreement. This non-disclosure provision shall not apply to any of the following:

1. Information which the Consultant can demonstrate by written records was known to him or her prior to the effective date of this Agreement;
2. Is currently in, or in the future enters, the public domain other than through a breach of this Agreement or through other acts or omissions of the Consultant;
or
3. Is obtained lawfully from a third party.

XVI. APPLICABLE LAW

The laws of the State of California shall govern this Agreement.

XVII. TERMS TO BE EXCLUSIVE

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior understanding between the parties, oral or written, regarding the same subject matter.

XVIII. WAIVER OR MODIFICATION OF TERMS

No waiver, amendment or other modifications of the terms of this Agreement shall be binding upon either party unless expressed in writing and signed by both parties hereto.

XIX. STANDARD FOR PERFORMANCE

The parties acknowledge that CIRM, in selecting the Consultant to perform the services hereunder, is relying upon the Consultant's reputation for excellence in the performance of the services required hereunder. The Consultant shall perform the services in the manner of one who is a recognized specialist in the types of services to be performed. All deadlines set forth in the Agreement are binding and may be modified only by subsequent written agreement of the parties. The Consultant shall devote such time to performance of its, her, or his duties under this Agreement as is reasonably necessary for the satisfactory performance of such duties within the deadlines set forth herein. Nothing in the

foregoing shall be construed to alter the requirement that time is of the essence in this Agreement.

XX. EXCLUSION. Independent Consultant warrants that it is not excluded from participation in any governmental sponsored program, including, without limitation, the Medicare, Medicaid, or Champus programs (<http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/search.aspx>) and the Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs (<http://www.epls.gov/eplsearch.do>). This Agreement shall be subject to immediate termination in the event that the Independent Consultant is excluded from participation in any federal healthcare or procurement program.

XXI RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

If the Consultant disputes any action by CIRM arising under or out of the performance of this contract, the Consultant shall notify CIRM of the dispute in writing and request a claims decision. CIRM shall issue a decision within 30 days of the Consultant's notice. If the Consultant disagrees with CIRM's claims decision, the Consultant shall submit a formal claim to the President of CIRM. The decision by the President of CIRM shall be final and conclusive on the claim unless the decision is arbitrary, capricious or grossly erroneous or if any determination of fact is unsupported by substantial evidence. The decision may encompass facts, interpretation of the contract and determinations or applications of law. The decision shall be in writing following an opportunity for the Consultant to present oral or documentary evidence and arguments in support of the claim. Consultant shall continue with the responsibilities under this Agreement during any dispute.

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT
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Signature _____	Date _____	Dr. Alan Trounson _____	Date _____
Name _____		President	
Title _____			
Company _____			